

## Church News.

### JOTTINGS.

A long time has elapsed since I attempted to write anything for our church paper. Not that I am displeased with it, or anything of the sort. I am well pleased with the character of the paper, and have been a constant reader of it under the present management, and sincerely hope that its tone may be steadily improved in the future as it has been in the past. But this is not what I started out to say.

I closed my engagements with the congregations for whom I have had the privilege of ministering for a number of years, on the second Sunday of June, and asked for a vacation, or in R. R. parlance, a *lay-off*.

On Tuesday morning of the eleventh, I started in company with my daughter and her little family for Tahlequah, the capital city of the Cherokee nation, to visit my daughter and her husband residing at that place. Connected with this city there is much to interest and to instruct, its history dating back to the removal of the tribe from the Carolinas and Georgia to west of the Mississippi river in the early part of this century. Here is located the National Seminary, male and female in which is completed the education of the aspiring Cherokee youth. They have a fairly well provided common school system, exclusively for the children of the Cherokee people.

Here we found missions, conducted by the Baptist and Presbyterian people, to which are admitted the children of the resident whites and also Cherokee children desiring to enter these mission schools for higher and more refined moral and religious culture.

Much has been written about these civilized tribes, that is not true. While there is room for great improvement, simply allotment of the lands or statehood will not remedy all the evils. There is too much government red tape, too many unscrupulous officials whose only business is drawing salaries and manipulating difficulties for the boodle that can be obtained from them. Scarcely an exception to the fact, that every desperate character operating in the nation, has first served as a government official, and when ousted of his job by change of administration, becomes a regular desperado.

Many of these people are educated, enterprising citizens, and have a profound reverence for the religion of Jesus Christ, in some respects excelling their religious neighbors in the states. Their home and foreign mission contributions, as well as congregational support is cer-

tainly commendable so far as came under my observation. One feature in particular impressed me: the esteem in which they hold their servants among them. They seem to have imbibed in the spirit as well as in the letter I Thess. 5:12, 13, which certainly cannot be said of many Christian communities and congregations. I had the pleasure of breaking to these aboriginal people the bread of life twice during my stay with them and must say, I never addressed more attentive listeners in all my ministry. Their faculty for giving of their temporal things to those who minister to them in spiritual things certainly is very commendable. They recognize the wrong of "muzzling the ox that treadeth out the corn," and do not withhold from their servant a portion of the good things that their Heavenly Father has blessed them with.

Tahlequah is located just north of the 36 degree parallel, is surrounded with a fertile country, the natural scenery is quite beautiful, and the fine spring water unsurpassed on the continent; in short, if it is ever opened up for settlement by the people in common, here certainly would be a very desirable place for a location. Expect if the Lord willing to attend our next National convention in September.

Parsons, Kan.

A. J. HIXSON

### FROM AURELIA, IOWA.

The church at this place is still working on to maintain the truth which makes us free. Last Sunday afternoon I baptized a young lady, Miss Lelia Miller at the same place where about an hour before, elder John Early baptized a young man, part of their audience remaining as witnesses. May the God of all grace be with both converts. The mother of this young lady was also received into the Brethren church about a month ago by letter from the German Baptists. To-day brother H. R. Hollis preached a good discourse, with, "The Lord our God, will we serve, and his voice will we obey," as his subject. Yours in Christ,

July 5.

W. S. M'CLAIN.

### FROM ROSSVILLE, IND.

The M. Pleasant church held their quarterly Business meeting on July 6, and elected delegates to the State and National Conferences. Also appointed a committee to raise the amount of money asked from each church for the National Mission Board. On the first Sunday evening interesting children's services were held. On the third Sunday we expect to hold our harvest home meeting in the grove. Brethren and sisters from Salem and Flora come and join with us. Fraternal yours.

R. R. TEETER.

### FROM PORTIS, KAN.

The North Solomon Valley church observed Children's day June 30. After singing and prayer, brother W. Heron, reviewed the school. Answers came promptly and correctly to the questions. Many outsiders of other schools took part in the review exercises, for which we feel thankful.

After a short talk by Elder D. O. Brumbaugh and the writer, we adjourned for dinner. At 1:30 the school was again called to order by the Superintendent. After prayer by Elder Brumbaugh, the afternoon exercises began. The singing was all that could be desired. The music well selected for the occasion. Between the singing, the children spoke their pieces, not one of them failing. It was a pleasure to us to hear the little voices, and though there were more than 200 people present, the little ones bravely went on with their part. Some of the pieces recited were difficult, but all the children did well. The music was very good. Sister Maude Kirkham played the organ. Taken as a whole the exercises were very good and the entertainment a grand success. It was an honor to the school, and we believe to God.

We felt the more happy because so many took part that do not belong to the school. This is as it should be. On occasions of this kind, everybody should be made to feel at home. So many times people feel as though they were not welcome, which is utterly wrong. We find our dear Savior eating at the house of Simon, teaching him a lesson that was of great importance. We hope that all may learn by such lessons as these. Love is the great power with which we win people for Christ. We conquer by love. No enemy is so strong but that love will overcome. If we would but remember this and on all occasions manifest the spirit of love, our path would be smoother, our life purer, our enemies fewer and our conquering power surer. Hoping all of God's people may be filled with the love of him who died for our redemption.

G. J. WOLTER.

### KANEMORADO ITEMS.

We attended a very pleasant Communion service at Portis, Kansas, last month. Received two sisters by baptism. Baptized two here in the Beaver City church yesterday. Work is moving along nicely. What is the matter with our committee, in the Kanemorado District, that no effort is made to hold our District Conference.

J. R. KELLER.

Beaver City, Neb. July 8.

JESUS is daily helping us against all sin.